the basis of further discussions on the boundary question. While an agreement was reached on some aspects, progress could not be made on others. In the next round the endeavour will be to resume this dialogue and hopefully move towards further progress.

Delays in getting passports

@1086. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the delays in getting passports;

(b) what steps are being taken to ensure quicker issue of passports;

(c) what measures are being taken to remove the immigration control for people who do not come within its purview;

(d) whether Government are aware of the cost and trouble that all out-going Indians have to take to secure affidavits; and

(e) what reforms are contemplated in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) There are no delays in the issues of passports.

(b) The procedure regarding the issue of passports has been stremlined and passports are being issued expeditiously within a time bound framework, in case application is received complete in all its forms.

(c) The Passports of those individuals who do not come within the purview of emigration control in accordance with the provisions contained in the Emigration Act 1983 are appropriately endorsed with the stamp "Emigration check not required" Guidelines have been issued to all passport authorities in this regard.

(d) The procedure for suspension of Emigration requirements provides for an application in the form of an affidavit, accompanied with return air-ticket and proof of drawal of foreign exchange besides visa, if required.

(e) Certain hardships resulting from the aforesaid pocedure of affidavits at the time of suspension of emigration endorsement have been brought to the notice of the Government and consequently this procedure has been considerably simplified, as below:—

(i) The requirement of application for seeking suspension of emigration requirements in the form of an affidavit has been dispensed with regard to the following:

(a) Non resident Indian returning abroad after living in India.

(b) Indian Nationals granted permanent Immigration visas by foreign countries.

(c) Seamen in possession continuous discharge certificate.

(d) Visit to Pakistan and Bangladesh.

(e) Male passport holders above the age of 55 years and female passport holders above the age of 50 years.

(f) persons below the age of 21 years going out for high education on scholarship or with sufficient foreign exchange relaased by the Reserve Bank of India or on sponsorship basis and dependent children accompanying any parent who has secured emigration clearance.

(ii) Single affidavit can be filed by Travel agents who are also Registered Recruiting Agents on behalf of pilgrims for Haj/Umrah. The individual pilgrims need not therefore come individually.

(iii) Categories of Passport holders have been enlarged (who can get

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initial classification of "emigration check not required") These are the following:

(a) all engineering sea cadet trainees not holding Continuous Discharge Certificate.

(b) Passport holders having emigration visa for UK, USA, Canada and West European countries who have settled permanently.

(c) Non-resident Indian whose journey orginates and terminates in a foreign country and are in possession of return tickets.

(d) All post graduate degree|diploma holders besides degree holders in that profeession.

(e) Passport holders possessing entry certificate for marriage or intend joining parents or in possession of employment visa.

(f) All accredited journalists who do not pay Income Tax but are professional degree holders in journalism.

(g) Non-resident Indian who have lived outside India for a Period of three years or more.

Dismissal of foreign servive officer posted at Oslo

@1087 SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:
SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri Harinder Singh, India's Charge'd Affairs in Norway had completed his tenure there and was to be posted to an African country;

(b) what are the reasons for his dismissal from Government service;

(c) whether it is a fact that his sons, daughter and son-in-law have obtained jobs in Norway and taken up citizenhsip of that country; and

(d) whether it is a fact that many other Indian Ambassadors have secured jobs for their near ralatives in countries of their posting by using their influence, if so, what are the names of such Ambassadors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) No Sir.

(b) The officer had violated the Central Civil Service Conduct Rules.

(c) No, Sir. Shri Singh has only three children none of whom is over ten years of age. They had not obtain Norwegian citizenship till 19th June, 1984, the date from which the officer was dismissed from Government service.

(d) No, Sir. No such instance of misuse of official position has come to the Ministry's knowledge.

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@@1088. **श्री सत्यपाल मलिक :** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगी कि :

(क) क्या भारत सरकार ने भारत के विघटन की सम्भावनाओं के संबंध में संयुक्त राष्ट्र संघ में अमेरिका के स्थायी प्रतिनिधि के बयान के विरुद्ध कोई विरोध प्रकट किया है ; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री ए० ए० रहीम) : (क) और (ख) जनवरी, 1983 में अखबारों में प्रकाशित वे खबरें सरकार

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